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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
 DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
 BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
 DOCKET NO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :
 OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF :

STEPHEN SAUL, D.P.M.

Administrative Action

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE & SURGERY :
 IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDER DENYING
 REINSTATEMENT

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners on the petition of Stephen Saul, D.P.M. for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey, which respondent had voluntarily surrendered on February 22, 2001. The Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Licensure was entered into because respondent had tested positive for cocaine while under the supervision of the Physician's Health Program of the Medical Society of New Jersey ("PHP"), in violation of a Consent Order entered into on August 18, 2000, in which respondent specifically agreed to abstain absolutely from all psychoactive substances unless prescribed by a treating

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physician, and because respondent had been arrested twice for drug-related criminal offenses based on two separate incidents.

Dr. Saul testified before a Committee of the Board on November 3, 2004 and petitioned for reinstatement of his license, claiming that he had engaged in rehabilitation efforts and therefore his license should be reinstated at this time. The PHP submitted a position statement in which it recommended conditions, should the Board approve respondent's request for reinstatement, but never explicitly supported reinstatement.

While the Board has considered respondent's claimed rehabilitation, it must also consider his history of resistance to treatment and his regressions and relapses, including a report that he continued to use alcohol throughout the surrender period, did not follow some PHP recommendations, and the fact that respondent ingested a psychoactive substance, GHB, as recently as March 2003. Respondent entered inpatient treatment in May 2004 and applied for reinstatement of his license less than three months after concluding treatment at the Farley Center in August 2004. It was then that he became active with the PHP and saw a psychiatrist. The Board was asked less than three months after his discharge to allow respondent to participate in the practice of medicine, a position of public trust, again. The Board is also concerned that it has received only two months of drug screening reports, and that respondent incorrectly claimed on his curriculum vitae that he

was a "Member of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners." In short, although respondent has demonstrated some rehabilitation during the time that his license has been surrendered, he has not demonstrated sufficient rehabilitation to allow this Board to entrust in him the ability to engage in medical practice under supervision as proposed, and therefore his application is premature.

IT IS THEREFORE on this 18TH day of January, 2005,
ORDERED:

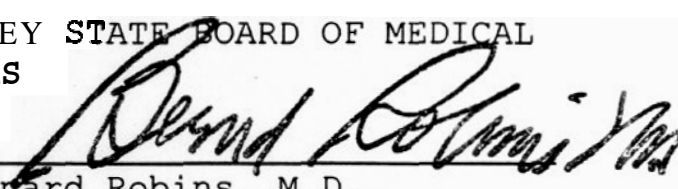
1. That respondent's petition for reinstatement of his license is hereby denied,
2. That, if respondent wishes to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of New Jersey, in no sooner than six months he may apply to appear before a Committee of the Board of Medical Examiners, accompanied by a representative of the PHP. Respondent must submit at that time, at a minimum: 1) proof of six months of sobriety; 2) proof of full compliance with all of the requirements of the PHP, and their wholehearted endorsement of his reinstatement; 3) a plan to continue ongoing sobriety from all psychoactive substances; and 4) a plan for re-education and some

updating of his education acceptable to the Board.

3. Upon any reinstatement application, the Board may prescribe additional requirements or restrictions on respondent's practice.

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